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INTERNATIONAL

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.
TOMORROW EVENING (TUESDAY)
 the 27th November,
THE LIONESS TROUPE
 PATIENCE (in French).
THE WILDE TRANSFORMS OF ESTHETIC
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THE HEAVY DRAGON
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THE SUNFLOWER AND LILY!
 DANCES: GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S
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EXTERIOR OF CASTLE SUN-
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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 26th, 1933.

Black succeeding telegram from Europe lately has been more and more warlike. First we were informed that the Marquis Tseung had, in reply to a reporter, declared that an attack on Bac-ninh by the French troops would be considered by China as a *casus belli*; next we were informed that the Chinese Ambassador had officially conveyed to the French Government the same intimation; in the same message it was stated that should the French troops be sent to attack Bac-ninh at once, and now we have a message to the effect that "the Chinese Government has sent a vigorous Note to the Great Powers, protesting its authority over Annam, and declaring that the responsibility will rest upon France in the event of war being declared." From all which we should gather, were the disputants both European Powers, that war was absolutely inevitable. In the case of China, however, nothing is certain, for she may at any moment come to an arrangement, and throw up the sponge in spite of all her boasts and declarations. It cannot be denied, however, that appearances at present are all against such a supposition, and that she is slowly drifting into war with France. Preparations for such a contingency have been going on actively for the past six months, and lately troops have been ordered south, while all over the Empire steps are being taken with a view to possible hostilities. Thus, some three thousand troops have been moved from Nanchang to Tientsin to strengthen the forces guarding that port, while an officer has been despatched by Admiral Pao to Hankow to enrol a body of twenty thousand volunteers for service in case of war. It is known that a large force of troops is now stationed on the frontier of Tonkin, ready to cross over at a signal from Peking. Preparations have been going on in every arsenal in China for months past, and a quantity of warlike material has been imported. A good deal of disgust and disquiet is felt in Chinese official circles that they have been unable to get the corvette *Tai Yue* out from Europe, as the vessel would prove useful in the event of war being declared. As, however, the corvette was in all probability speedily paid a price to the French fleet, China is not likely to lose much by her decision in this matter. It is declared by either side, it will, we imagine, be declared by China. France has no quarrel with China, and has no desire to declare war. The French are engaged in an attempt to drive out from Tonquin a predatory and lawless body known as the Black Flags, with the design of occupying the country, restoring order, and placing the country practically under French rule, the K'ing Government having failed to carry out their undertaking to put down piracy and to open up the river Sangkai to trade. The Peking Government, after a map of many years' duration, have suddenly woken up to the fact that they had some loose ends in Annam; that country having paid tribute to the Emperor of China, and they insist upon the French withdrawing from Tonquin. The better to emphasize their demand, they have sent troops and arms into Tonquin to reinforce the Black Flags, and have virtually been fighting France for some time. The French Government have decided to take no other notice of this act of war beyond increasing their forces in Tonquin, and apparently do not intend to be drawn into a declaration of war against China. The Chinese Government, having failed in their attempt to provoke France to assume the initiative, appear now to be considering the policy of taking it themselves. Whether they will have the courage to assume that responsibility remains to be seen. While the French Government have, by their blunders and acts of aggression, succeeded in entraining from

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